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Maine State Library Commission

MINUTES – November 26, 2012

Meeting called to order at 1:00PM.

Attendance:

Present: Beth Edmonds (Chair), Charlie Campo, Dick Thompson, Art Turley, Mike Kennedy, Michael Hays, Steve Podgajny (phone), Barbara McDade,

Absent: Joyce Rumery (Vice Chair), Inese Gruber, Karen Baldacci, Molly Larson, Elisabeth Doucett, Debe Averill

Also present: Linda Lord, James Ritter, Janet McKenney, Mamie Ney, Stephanie Zurinski, Valerie Osborne, James Jackson Sanborn

- Introductions were made – new Commission Member Michael Hays was introduced.
- Minutes from the September 24, 2012 meeting were approved.

Kathy Brunjes

- All remembered fondly the life of Kathy Brunjes and the Commission will collect donations and purchase a book in Kathy's memory – book to be donated to Kathy's library.

Strategic Plan Update:

- Various members of MSL staff provided updates on all items of the strategic plan
- Ongoing updates of high priority items will be given at future Commission Meetings
- Few questions/comments were made as updates were given:
 - Linda and Janet will present at a Digital Literacy Summit
 - B.Edmonds underscored the importance of promoting bepress (State Documents) once live
 - eRate responsibility at DOE will be given to individual other than DOE's library development staff member
 - ARRC reporting to come via LSTA reports and other avenues – first series of date and analysis January 2013
 - Continue to get word out regarding Common Collection Grant – future of project will depend of individual library funding
 - Library Standards – A.Turley indicated that committee met (Committee is A.Turley, E.Doucett, L.Lord, S.Preece, District Consultants). B.Edmonds asked that future Commission Meetings include report of this committee.

James Jackson Sanborn – Maine InfoNet Presentation (Unified Catalog)

- Provided update on SOLAR and libraries included: Wells, Ellsworth, Lubec are live; Freeport, Northeast Harbor are next to go live in December, then Farmington, Wilton, and Kennebunk.
- Blue Hill and Hartland are piloting a test within SOLAR in which their Patron Databases are loaded as well – allows for patrons to request their own material.

- Overdrive eBooks and Audio Books now has approximately 10,000 items in the collection and circulates about 20,000 items per month. 231 libraries are members.
- J.J.S. briefly gave overview of MaineCAT for new member Michael Hayes.
- Maine InfoNet Board sub-committee to make recommendations on a vendor that can support catalog and shared resources for Maine libraries over the next 3-5 years met and has identified next steps:
 - A “Needs” document has been developed outlining needs, concerns, and priority questions
 - Meeting with Triple I regarding Sierra MT will take place in person at mid-winter ALA to discuss the product and the Triple I relationship with Maine

State Librarian Report:

- Updated on meeting with Governor LePage – focus on early childhood literacy
- Provided brief summary of meeting with Budget Committee and highlighted areas we’re looking to pursue for new funding
- Underscored importance of Digital Literacy workshops – indicated she would follow-up with an email (MELIBS) supporting training sessions going on around the State of Maine
 - B.McDade asked if training would be basic or more advanced given new technologies, etc. J.McKenney indicated that sessions would be supported by a national effort and would be both basic and more advanced philosophically (e.g. why digital literacy is critical)

Consultant Reports:

M.Ney:

- DOE has created a Statewide Literacy Plan (Birth to Death), however limited funding is now impacting the roll-out. Roll-out will begin with a 5-webinar series to kick it off.
- Consultants will be instrumental in helping to facilitate bringing communities together to define their own literacy plans/needs
- B.Edmonds indicated that Digital Literacy should be included in all “literacy” efforts going forward and should not be distinguished between traditional literacy plans and efforts
- The Brownstone Book Fund will support 45 libraries in Maine with 100 children’s books going to each library (processing included)
- “Turning the Page” advocacy effort is now being overseen by local coordinators in every state to help keep the program going on a local level. M.Ney has completed training and she will undertake the effort to continue advancing this program in Maine.

S.Zurinski:

- Marvelous Marvel Invitational has over 126 participants with an active participation rate of nearly 70% -- it has been a great success.
- Attended Cosline meeting in O.C., Maryland – attended featured presentation on “Thinking about the Future” given by the Pennsylvania State Librarian.
- Cosline meeting also featured workshops on Maker Spaces and S.Zurinski is looking into creating bringing such a workshop to Maine at a future event.

V.Osborne

- Will host two training sessions in February 2013 via Adobe Connect
- Nells Leadership program will indicate how many Maine 'spots' are available for participants this week (11-26-12) and then applications can commence
- Suggested a Reading Literacy Calendar focusing on early childhood literacy that could be made available to children throughout the state. She is researching funding possibilities and also has a meeting with children's author/illustrator Melissa Sweet to guage her interest in participation.

Other Business:

- L.Lord mentioned that there is a local group of businesses and business people dedicated to raising considerable funding for early literacy efforts – she has meeting scheduled to discuss how MSL can be involved in future efforts.

Motion made to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 2:51 pm.

Next meeting is January 14, 2013 at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Secretary

James Ritter
MSL, Director of Reader and Information Services